

Remarks:

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-64 were pending when the Species Election Requirement dated December 6, 2005, was issued from the U.S. Patent Office. No claims have been amended, added, or canceled. Therefore, claims 1-64 are currently pending.

B. Response to the Species Election Requirement

1. Summary of Requirements

The Examiner requests restriction among one of the following eight species: A) azoles; B) 2,3-diaminopyridines and 3-amino-5-hydroxypyridines; C) thiophenes; D) idolines; E) benzofurans; F) 8-amino-6-methoxyquinolines and 4-hydroxyquinolines; G) benzodioxoles; and H) hydroxybenzamides.

2. Applicants' Election

In response, Applicants elect species B (2,3-diaminopyridines and 3-amino-5-hydroxypyridines) for further prosecution in this case. Claims 1-26, 41-42, and 50-64 are readable on the elected species. Applicants note that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant is entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

D. Conclusion

Applicants believe that this is a complete response to the Species Election Requirement dated December 6, 2005. Applicants request that the pending claims be examined on their merits.

Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of two months to and including March 6, 2006, in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated December 6, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a two-month extension of time for a large entity status.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/LORE:004US.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512) 536-3035.

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